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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY MOOSE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: POST CLASSIFICATION

1. I WAS ASTOUNDED TO RECEIVE ON MAY 27 A LETTER FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR NEA/PAB ENCLOSING A MEMO TO ASSISTANT SECRETARIES DATED MAY 2 ,1977, WHICH REDUCED THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE EMBASSY AT KABUL FROM CLASS THREE TO CLASS FOUR. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD HEARD ABOUT THIS FROM ANYONE MUCH LESS EVER BEING INFORMED THAT THE REDUCTION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. I AM AMAZED THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF OF MISSION. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER TO YOU FOR CONSIDERATION MY THOUGHTS WHY KABUL SHOULD REMAIN A CLASS THREE POST.

2. AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, AFGHANISTAN OCCUPIES A MIGHTLY STRATEGIC PIECE OF TERRITORY. EVENTS HERE CAN AFFECT US-SOVIET AND US-CHINESE RELATIONS, BEAR DIRECTLY ON IRAN, PAKISTAN AND INDIA AND HENCE IMPACT ON REGIONAL STABILITY. THE U.S. IS ENGAGED WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMPLEX AID PROGRAM CONFORMING TO PRESIDENTIAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IN ONE OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. WE ARE ALSO ENGAGED IN AN INTENSIVE MULTI-NATIONAL UN EFFORT TO COMBAT THE OPIUM PRODUCTION PROBLEM HERE.

3. I WOULD VENTURE THAT THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO

AFGHANISTAN IS AS LARGE AMERICAN PERSONNEL-WISE AS ANY CLASS THREE MISSION AND, IN FACT, LARGER THAN MANY CLASS TWO MISSIONS WE HAVE. EIGHT U.S. AGENCIES OPERATE HERE WITH A TOTAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF OVER 200. IN ADDITION TO THE LARGE MISSION IN KABUL, WE HAVE A SIZABLE CONTINGENT OF OFFICIAL AMERICANS WORKING IN THE AID HELMAND VALLEY PROJECT 400 MILES FROM KABUL. THE AID MISSION, BOTH IN KABUL AND IN THE HELMAND, WILL INCREASE IN SIZE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. GEOGRAPHIC ISOLATION AND UNHEALTHFUL CONDITIONS CREATE MAJOR MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THE CLASSIFICATION OF KABUL AND ADVISING ME OF THE RESULTS.
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